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**From:** Trip McConkey  
**Sent:** Fri 9/5/2008 11:49:17 AM  
**Subject:** Letter regarding polluted property between Pennsylvania Ave and Thompson Dr.  
[August 2008 letter about oil pollution in neighborhood.docx](#)

Please forward this email to Councilman Mike Shepherd. Thank you.

Hello Mike,

Here is the letter Mr. Greg Stewart is circulating to our neighbors for you information. (see attached Word Document). Below is the correspondence he had with one of our neighbors.

Thank you,

Trip McConkey  
(360) 265-9128

Hello Mr. Chip McConky, (I hope I have your name right!)

We live at 1558 Pennsylvania Ave and recently received a copy of a letter from someone on Thompson wanting to do something about the pollution on the waterfront. I wrote back and said I'd like to be informed and mentioned that you were already doing something and had been a good neighbor to us. He wrote back and said he'd like to contact you.

Before I give him any more information, I'd like to run this whole thing by you. I'll attach his original letter and then paste in his return emails below.

I'm not sure if this man's ideas will be helpful or not and would really appreciate hearing your take on this.

Sincerely,

Rhoda Gage (Mrs. George Gage)

**His email sent to me personally today follows; below that is a general email he sent out today:**

Dear Rhoda:

Thank you for your email...

Do you have Mr. McConky's contact information? I should check in with him so that the communication between everyone is open. He may have good information that can help us.

It is important to get the environmental testing results already done by the City and EPA. These contamination samples, by law, are open to the public and we should all see them.

Do you have ideas you would like to do about the issue? I would like to build a consensus as to what we should do. I have my own ideas but think that everyone should express themselves and have a say and be democratic.

To answer your question, we distributed the letter on Marguerite, Pennsylvania, Thompson and High. We missed some houses either because there were dogs or it appeared that we would need to open gates and walk up to the door. We wanted to be polite and not intrude on people's privacy. If you can distribute this further this would be great. We can do the entire area later but thought this was a good start.

My personal goal is to get the gas and oil companies, in addition to paying for a complete clean up, to pay property owners and residences in the area to make improvements for the loss in property values caused over the years. This may sound a bit far fetched, but I have seen the same done with oil companies in the past in other places, so it is very possible for all to get something.

Thank you,

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Dear Residences:

A supervisor at the EPA in Washington DC said they will call the EPA in Region 10 on our behalf. The initial comment when the problem was described with the Bulk Oil Terminals and Gas Company use of the land was this is "bigger than a Brownfield" problem. This is encouraging as more resources may be applied in the future.

No promises were made but this was good information and good to hear. We should know more in the near future.

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